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2005-2006 State Officer Leadership Team



Your State Officer Team is charged up for an exciting and fun filled year of TSA. They have established a program of work to include all Missouri TSA chapters in a statewide effort for service activities to be conducted in your local community.

This Team is committed to giving their best to make this the best year ever for Missouri TSA!

You are encouraged to contact your State Officer Team members to share ideas or suggestions that will help TSA grow in Missouri.

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Vacant.....	#9 NW District

President's Message



Hello Missouri TSA! Fall Leadership is just around the corner and we hope to see each of you there! I hope everyone is as enthusiastic about this conference as I am. This Fall Conference will be one to remember! It will be held at our state capital, Jefferson City. The conference schedule has been adjusted so you get more out of this experience. There will be tours through the capital, a TSA skit and talent show, and meeting new friends and reacquainting with old friends. At this conference, you will be learning a multitude of leadership skills to help you and your chapter grow.

The state officer team has been working very diligently to make this year the best. We hope each chapter will become involved in the National Membership Star Program where you receive recognition for the chapters you recruit. We also hope each chapter will raise \$100 for the annual TSA Mini-Relay for Life at State this year. The state officer team is confident that we will raise even more money this year than ever before! Hopefully, together we can help find a cure for cancer!

MO TSA is teaming up with the other CTSO's in the "Race Into Reading" program. This is a great program to educate children about career experiences through the process of reading. Have your advisor fill out the card found on the TSA website and send it in to receive more information.

I would like to congratulate all finalists at Nationals this year in Chicago. MO has continued to keep up its reputation in doing well in competition events! Nationals went great this year and we heard of a formation of an Alumni Association! Good luck in your chapters in the upcoming year!

2005-2006 Community Service Project

This year at the state conference, TSA will hold its third annual Mini-Relay for Life. Last year Missouri raised \$583 at the relay. This year we hope to raise even more. We hope each chapter will set a goal to raise \$100 to help the fight against cancer!



The Mini-Relay, which is the celebration of the entire school years efforts, will be held in the Multi Purpose Building Gymnasium at Central Missouri State University. It will take place on Friday night at 7:30 P.M. and the state officer team challenges ALL TSA chapters and their members to be active participants in this great program throughout the school year. The district that raises the most money will be given the opportunity to select one state officer to receive a pie in the face from the winning district's district representative. This will take place during the relay!

There are going to be several games at our state Mini-Relay that will cost a quarter so be sure to bring change with you. We need at least one person from every district to be walking the track and you will need to sign up for a time on the walking schedule when you arrive at state conference. We hope to have many more games that involve teamwork and a competition between the districts. Let's help find a cure for cancer!

There are multitudes of ways to get your chapter involved. One of the most common ways is selling luminaries bags. You can also do other fundraisers such as letter campaigns, garage sales, or raffles. By raising money for this cause, your chapter can also receive recognition through the National TSA Spirit of Service Award. Those who donate \$500-\$999 receive the platinum award, \$1,000-\$1,999 receives the Diamond Award, and donations of \$2,000 and above receives the Purple Award.

Reporter's Message



Hello, chapter reporters! I am your Missouri TSA State Reporter, Tao Liao. In keeping with my promise to you of providing local chapter news and important information regarding our state activities I will need your assistance. I am asking for your contribution to YOUR Missouri TSA State Newsletter.

To accomplish this task I will need the assistance of every TSA chapter reporter in providing up-to-date information and recognition of local chapter activities around the state. Since we only have two newsletter's prepared each year, one in the fall and one in the winter and this is the fall issue, it will be important for you to send me your article with digital photo for the winter issue by December 14, 2005.

I know there are many things going on in schools and I'm sure that many of you are interested in hearing about events and happenings in other local chapters. So, if there is anything interesting happening in your local chapter please write an article about it and send it to me, picture in digital format if available. My e-mail address is rpmotsa@hotmail.com. If you have any questions regarding how to write a newspaper article, feel free to drop me an email.

This year, the entire State Officer Team is working extremely hard to serve all Missouri TSA chapter members.

Have a good school year! Tao Liao your 2005-2006 Missouri TSA reporter.

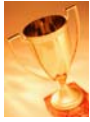
RACE Into Reading Project

RACE Into Reading – Reading About Career Experiences is an interactive school/community service project between Missouri CTSO members and elementary students that promotes reading for fun and information. Participation in the project allows elementary students to learn about a variety of career opportunities, and allows the CTSO member to develop leadership skills and serve as a positive role model for elementary students. The project is sponsored through Missouri Career Education and Missouri's Career and Technical Student Organizations - DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA and TSA.

For more information go to <http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/index.htm> and a dedicated website for the RACE project is currently under development and will be announced sometime in the month of October.



Chapter News



2005 National TSA Conference, Chicago, Illinois June 28- July 2, 2005! What a great conference! It was located only 4 blocks from the famous Navy Pier overlooking Lake Michigan in Chicago, Illinois, Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. We are proud of our Missouri chapters and the astonishing number of top ten awards winners who appeared on stage during the awards ceremony.

<u>High School Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Awardees</u>
Ag and Biotech Design	9 th Place	TEAM, Clinton High School
CAD 2D Architectural	10 th Place	Ashley Fansher, Benton High School
CAD 3D Engineering	3 rd Place	Greg Damron, Troy Buchanan High School
Constructions Systems	3 rd Place	TEAM, Parkway South High School
Dragster Design	5 th Place	Alex Cotton, Fort Zumwalt West High School
Film Technology	6 th Place	TEAM, Benton High School
Imaging Technology	8 th Place	Laine Shay, Clinton High School
Medical Technology	2 nd Place	TEAM, Clinton High School
Robotics	2 nd Place	TEAM, Fort Zumwalt North High School
Structural Engineering	7 th Place	TEAM, Parkway South High School

To view the complete winners report go to <http://www.tsaweb.org/content.asp?contentid=591>

National TSA Directions Conference

The program

Since 1989, the Technology Student Association has held an annual leadership conference for local chapter and state delegation officers and advisors. At this conference, participants gain leadership experience and learn team-building activities. Networking opportunities give students and teachers a chance to meet and learn from fellow TSA members from across the country.

TSA national advisors and national officers facilitate the student program.

The participants

- Local chapter and state delegation officers
- Local chapter and state delegation advisors/coordinators
- Potential state or national officer candidates

The details

Directions 2005 will be held at the newly renovated Sheraton Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia from 7:00pm Thursday, October 6, through 11:00am Sunday, October 9, 2005.

- The hotel is located at 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20191. Hotel rates are as follows: Single, double, triple, and quads are \$79, plus tax, per night. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel via phone (703/620-9000) or fax (703/860-1594). Housing fees must be paid directly to the hotel. The deadline for reserving hotel rooms is September 21, 2005. To register online go to <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0504222497&key=AECFE>
- The conference registration fee is \$150 per person, Breakfast, lunch, and a pizza party on Friday, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Dinner on Thursday and Saturday nights are on your own. Bus transportation to and from Washington, D.C. to visit legislators on Friday, October 7 are included. Visit www.tsaweb.org in order to download the conference registration and medical forms.
- All participants will receive a *Directions* 2005 tee shirt, the 2005-06 TSA Directory, and other conference related materials.

The policies

- **The conference registration deadline, with payment made to TSA, is September 21, 2005.** Payment and registration must be received by this day. Space is limited. Registrations are accepted on a "first come, first-served" basis. [Click here for registration and medical information forms](#) or contact National TSA at 703/860-9000.
- There is no on-site registration. No refunds will be granted.
- Conference participants must bring their official TSA attire or business-like attire and acceptable casual attire. On Friday,



October 7, 2005, conference participants are requested to wear TSA casual attire.

- Conference identification badges must be worn at all times.
- An adult must accompany all students for the duration of the conference.
- The conference registration form and the individual/medical information form must be completed in their entirety.

2005 Fall Leadership Connections Conference

2005 Theme “I Believe”

The 8th Annual Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference was one of the best yet, due to the hard work of this year's State Officer Team, several quality improvements were introduced. They spent many hours in preparation to make this year one of the best ever! There were 22 school/chapters in attendance and more than 122 degrees awarded to participants for achievement of the Missouri Basic, Academic, and Collegiate Degrees.

The benefits from attending this conference are:

- Learn leadership training from peers.
- Develop and increase individual civic pride, responsibility, and involvement.
- Participate in service activities and projects for the benefit of others.
- Provide the opportunity for individual growth, development, and maturation according to one's own interests and abilities.
- Involvement in projects that can be used in the local chapter, school, and community
- Learn about participating in local, state, and national conferences.
- Learn how to share with others—by leading, following, and making decisions that affect one and other members.
- Share in all the benefits and membership services provided through local, state, and national membership affiliation.

For more information: http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/tsa_student_conferences.htm.

Missouri TSA, Inc., President's Message

TSA Members and Advisors,

I hope that you are all excited about the start of the 2005-06 school year and the great impact that you can have through your school TSA chapter. The Fall Leadership Conference in Jefferson City, October 20-22, provided a great “jump start” to helping your chapter develop your goals for the year and a strong plan that will help you reach them. Membership in TSA requires you to set your goals high, develop a plan to accomplish those goals, and then see your efforts through to success!

Missouri TSA experienced great success at the National TSA Conference in Chicago this past summer. Missouri students showed their abilities to compete in a number of technology events, with many receiving top 10 awards on stage in front of nearly 5000 members from across the country.

Your Missouri TSA Board of Directors is working hard to make TSA a strong, meaningful, and exciting organization for you! Our goals for 2005-2006 include; increase Chapter participation in TSA State Conference; raise public awareness of TSA; and establish Mentor Chapters to aid new chapters.

I challenge Missouri TSA advisors and members to make it one of your Chapter's goals to become involved with the RACE Into Reading joint project of Career Education. What a great way for us to learn more about technology and promote our interests to the young people in our community. I further challenge your chapter to be involved throughout the year with our national service organization, the American Cancer Society, by helping them raise funds to fight cancer.

It was great seeing so many of you at Fall Leadership Conference. I challenge you to let others know that you are a TSA member and encourage them to join your TSA chapter. I look forward to seeing each of you at State Conference and wish you the best in accomplishing your chapter goals. Please feel free to share your chapter success stories with the TSA Board of Directors or myself. Our email addresses are located on the DESE web site at http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/tsa_board_of_directors.htm

Steve Spicher – President Missouri TSA, Inc., Board of Directors

LCDP (Leadership Connections Degree Program)

Welcome to the *Leadership Connections Degree Program* of Missouri TSA. You are about to embark on a journey with TSA that will connect you with the effective communication skills, self-confidence, and poise to be a leader. TSA can open many doors to exciting opportunities for you and your classmates as you accept the challenge in becoming a better leader through leadership training in TSA. How far you go in the future will be your own determination and motivation.

This program is designed to assist each participant in preparing for leadership in your Local TSA Chapter or State TSA Association and for those of you who aspire for greater things, aim at becoming a National TSA Officer. This program is divided into four degrees of achievement that must be obtained in respective order as follows:



➤ **1st Degree - Basic Degree "Leadership Award"**
(earned by attending the Annual Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference and completing all the requirements for the award)

➤ **2nd Degree - "Academic"**

➤ **3rd Degree - "Collegiate"**

➤ **4th Degree - "Scholar"**

You are encouraged to work at your own pace while preparing for the exam that is required for each respective degree. Your local chapter advisor at his or her discretion will administer the written exam(s). In addition, you will need to keep accurate records of your achievements, including appropriate signatures where required to receive the award and degree. The awarding of the appropriate degree will be presented during the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference. You must achieve at least 85% mastery or higher of the content to be an eligible recipient for the respective award.

Academic Degree Unit of Study

The second step in the pursuit of the Missouri TSA Connections Degree Program shall be known as the **Missouri TSA Academic Degree**. This degree is available for all Missouri TSA members regardless of school grade level. A Missouri TSA member will receive this degree upon the completion of the following requirements.

1. Official TSA member in good standing.
2. Attend the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference.
3. Completion of the Missouri TSA Academic Degree written exam, scoring 85 % or better.
 - a. The time limit for the exam shall not exceed 30 minutes.
 - b. The exam shall be administered by the local chapter advisor.
 - c. The exam shall capture TSA general information and 46 questions shall constitute a complete exam.
 - d. The questions shall be acquired from the **Academic Degree Unit of Study**.
 - e. The exam questions will consist of matching and multiple-choice type.
 - f. The results shall be announced and awarded at the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference.



The mission of the Missouri Technology Student Association is to prepare our membership for the challenges of a dynamic world by promoting technological literacy, leadership, and problem solving, resulting in personal growth and opportunities. (Adapted from the National TSA Mission)

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g. The exam for the **Missouri TSA Academic Degree** will consist of the following:

- [The TSA motto](#)
- [The TSA colors and respective meaning](#)
- [The Officer Symbols](#)
- [The duties of the officers](#)
- [The goals and purposes of the organization](#)
- [The state officers names, schools, officer title, and representatives](#)
- [The key personnel of TSA](#) (e.g., National Executive Director, State Advisor, etc.).
- [The TSA official dress code](#)
- [Parliamentary Procedure](#)
- [General Information](#)
- [Academic Degree Practice Test](#)

The exam for the **Missouri TSA Academic Degree** shall be graded at the local school by the chapter advisor or test facilitator at the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference and the results reported to the Missouri TSA State Advisor. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for the Academic Degree and the members who complete and/or meet all of the above requirements shall be recognized during the last session of the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference. Upon receiving, the **Missouri TSA Academic Degree** the member now becomes eligible to pursue the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree**.

Collegiate Degree Unit of Study

The third step in the pursuit of the Missouri TSA Connections Degree Program shall be known as the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree**. This degree is available for all Missouri TSA members who have earned the Missouri TSA Academic Degree. A Missouri TSA member will receive this degree upon the completion of the following requirements.

1. Be a TSA member of good standing
2. Must have competed for a local TSA chapter office.
3. Attend a TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference.
4. Completed the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree** written exam with 90% mastery or above.
 - a. The exam shall be administered by the local advisor at the local school.
 - b. A time limit of 30 minutes shall be given to complete the exam.
 - c. The exam shall cover a broad range of TSA information and shall consist of 43 questions from the following topics:

- [National TSA Information](#)
- [Leadership Connections Degrees](#)
- [TSA Creed](#)
- [Key Personnel](#)
- [Additional Information](#)

The Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree test, including answer key, will be made available to each chapter advisor or test facilitator at the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference and the results reported to the Missouri TSA State Advisor. The exam shall consist of multiple choice and matching questions. The **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree** exam shall be graded by the local chapter advisor at the local school and the results reported to Missouri TSA. Members who meet all of the above requirements shall be recognized during the last session of the Fall Leadership Connections Conference.

Once a member has completed the above portion of the Collegiate Degree, they are eligible to proceed to the next set of requirements for the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree**. They are the following:

- Must maintain a "B" average or better in all Technology Education classes.
- Must serve on one or more local TSA chapter activity committees.
- Must give one or more public presentations about TSA or Technology Education.
- Must attend and compete in at least one competitive event at the TSA State Conference.
- Complete and send in the Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree application to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Industrial Education Section, Technology Education Program supervisor.

All applications will be reviewed prior to award notification. All of the member applicants who meet all the above requirements shall be awarded the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree** during the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for the members who are receiving the TSA Collegiate Degree and they will be awarded the appropriate lapel pin and certificate of achievement at the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference. Upon receiving the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree**, the member now becomes eligible to pursue the **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree**.

Scholar Degree Unit of Study

The fourth step in the pursuit of the Missouri TSA Connections Degree Program shall be known as the **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree**. This degree is the highest degree issued by Missouri TSA. This degree is available only to those student members who have previously earned the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree**. A Missouri TSA member is eligible to receive this degree upon the completion of the following requirements:

1. Be a TSA member of good standing.
2. Currently holding or have held a local TSA chapter office.
3. Must have attended and/or competed in a competitive event at a past National TSA Conference.
4. Score a 90% or above on the **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree** exam.

Those TSA members who meet all of the above requirements shall receive recognition during the last session of the Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference. These student members are now eligible to proceed to remaining requirements related to the **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree**. The remaining requirements include the following:

1. Must maintain a "B" average or better in all Technology Education classes.
2. Must give at least two public presentations about TSA or Technology Education before the upcoming Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference (FLCC) and/or the Missouri TSA State Leadership and Career Development Conference (SLCDC).
3. Must serve on one or more local TSA chapter activity committees different from those served on to achieve the Scholar Degree.
4. Participate in a competitive event at a previous Missouri TSA State Conference.
5. Complete and send in the Missouri TSA Scholar Degree application to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Industrial Education Section, Technology Education Program supervisor.
6. Interview with the screening committee during a Missouri TSA State Conference.

All **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree** applicants' resumes shall be reviewed prior to the Missouri TSA State Conference. Those members who meet all of the above requirements shall be recognized at the Missouri TSA State Conference as recipients of the **Missouri Leadership Connections Scholar Degree**. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for each of member receiving the appropriate lapel pin and certificate of achievement and they shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges, and honors that accompany this degree at the Annual Missouri TSA State Leadership and Career Development Conference in the spring.

If in the event a TSA member is unable to be a candidate for the **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree** program due to the fact the he/she will be graduating from high school, a waiver approval must be obtained through the State Advisor's office to become an eligible candidate for completing either the **Missouri TSA Collegiate Degree** or the **Missouri TSA Scholar Degree** during his/her senior year.

2005-2006 Program of Activities (Calendar)

September 2005

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| 1 | Thursday..... | Fiscal Membership Year Begins |
| 10 | Saturday | TSA's Official 27th Anniversary |
| 19 | Monday..... | Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference On-Line registration open |
| 22 | Thursday..... | National School Scene (Fall Issue) posting
TSA Today (Fall Issue) posting |



October 2005

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| 1 | Saturday | TEAM Fall Conference and Executive Board meeting, CMSU, Warrensburg, MO |
| 20-22 | Thursday – Saturday | Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference, Jefferson City, Ramada Inn. |

November 2005

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| 1 | Tuesday..... | School Scene (Winter Issue) Deadline

Missouri TSA Today Newsletter articles Due at State Office |
| 4 | Friday | Chapter Affiliations – Priority membership due to National TSA (includes state dues) |
| 4 | Friday | State Leadership Team Meeting, Jefferson City, MO, Governors Office Building
Rooms 315 — 316 |

December 2005

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| 8-10 | Thursday - Saturday | ACTE Conference, New Orleans, LA |
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January 2006

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| 3 | Tuesday..... | School Scene (Winter Issue) Posting |
| 9 | Monday..... | State Officer Candidate Filing Form Due |
| 27 | Friday | State Leadership Team Meeting — TSA BOD meeting
— State Officer Candidate Interviews
Jefferson City, MO, Governors Office Building,
Rooms 315 — 316 |

February 2006

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| 1 | Wednesday..... | DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS |
| 1 | Wednesday..... | School Scene (Spring Issue) deadline

All Missouri TSA Awards Recognition applications are due
Missouri TSA Today Newsletter articles due at State Office |
| TBA | | TSO Governor's Proclamation Signing |
| 6 | Monday..... | National TSA Conference Information posted to web site |
| 6-10 | Monday - Friday | Career and Technical Education Week |
| 10 | Friday | School Scene (Spring Issue) Posted On-Line |
| 20-24 | Monday – Friday | National Engineers Week |

March 2006

- 11 Monday.....TSA State Conference On-Line Registration Open
- 29 Tuesday.....School Scene (spring issue) Posting
TSA Today (spring issue) Posting

April 2006

- 5 FridayNational Officer Candidate application due to state advisor
- 6-8 Thursday - SaturdayMissouri TSA State Leadership & Career Development Conference
Missouri TSA BOD meeting
CMSU, Warrensburg, MO
- 11 Tuesday.....Deadline for White Star Chapter recognition
- 17-21 Monday - FridayNational Student Leadership Week
- 24-28 Monday - FridayNational TSA Week

May 2006

- 1 Monday.....Postmark date for the following applications and nominations are due to National TSA:
- Gold Achievement Program
 - American Spirit Award
 - Air Force Recruiting Salutes Award
 - National officer candidate applications
 - State Superlative Awards
 - National Award and Recognition Program
- 19 FridayConference registration materials and fees due to National TSA (Copy faxed to State Advisor required)

June 2006

- 5 MondayNational Officer candidate notification eligibility
- 5-9 Tuesday - Friday2006-2007 State Officer Training (Required)
- 21-25 Wednesday--Sunday.....28th Annual TSA Conference, Dallas, TX

July 2006

- 24-26 Monday-WednesdayAnnual Missouri ACTE Summer Conference
TSA Board of Directors meeting
TSA All Advisors Meeting